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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Innis et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/826,519

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FOR: CHIMERIC ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND CELL TRANSFECTING FORMULATIONS THEREOF

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Response under 37 CFR § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed March 12, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

Enclosed herewith are: a Notice of Appeal, an Information Disclosure Statement and cited references, a Petition for a one-month extension of time, a set of formal drawings, and authorization for the requisite fees totaling \$610.00.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-7, with the following:

This application is a divisional of U.S. serial no. 09/648,254, filed August 25, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/151,246, filed August 27, 1999, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety and for all purposes.

Also enclosed, starting on a separate page following this response, is a marked copy of the amended paragraph showing all changes relative to the previous version.